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Docket No.	FIS9-2003-0335-US1
Serial No.	10/707,942
Filing Date	01/27/2004
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Attached:Amendment Transmittal Letter & Amendment

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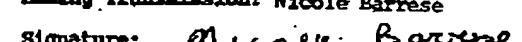
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity) Applicant(s): Haoxing Ren et al.				Docket No. FIS9-2003-0335-US1	
Application No. 10/707,942	Filing Date 01/27/2004	Examiner Stacy A. Whitmore	Customer No. 32074	Group Art Unit 2825	Confirmation No. 1941
Invention: Method for Successive Placement Based Refinement of a Generalized Cost Function					
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
<p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.</p> <p>The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p>					
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In re application of: Haoxing Ren, et al.	Date: December 15, 2005
Serial Number: 10/707,942	Examiner: Stacy A. Whitmore
Filed: 1/27/2004	Group Art Unit: 2825
Title: Method for Successive Placement Based Refinement of a Generalized Cost Function	IBM Corporation D/18G, B/321, Zip 482 2070 Route 52 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533-6531

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 21, 2005, the following amendment is being submitted to place the above identified application in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

Please amend the above identified application as follows: